

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE	:	
DECISION TO APPROVE THE MINING	:	NOTICE OF TENTATIVE
AND RECLAMATION PLAN FOR	:	DECISION TO APPROVE
STAR STONE QUARRIES, INC.'S	:	NO. M/043/012
PEOA BLONDE QUARRY	:	
SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH	:	

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION,  
MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS  
INTERESTED IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST, SLBM, SUMMIT  
COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve the Mining and Reclamation Plan for Star Stone Quarries, Inc.'s Peoa Blonde Quarry. Mining activities will effect the following area: Portions of the SE/4 NW/4 and the SW/4 of Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 5 East, SLBM, Summit County, Utah, SLBM, Summit County, Utah.

Star Stone Quarries, Inc. has submitted a permit application to expand their existing small mining operations to a large mining operations status. The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 25.7 acres of private land.

**During Operations:**

Stone is dug from the quarry with a trackhoe where it is split by hand and stacked on pallets for shipping. Harder stone is cut with the guillotine. Waste material is added to the dumps where, it is fed to the crusher for a crushed stone product. Topsoil is salvaged and place in stockpiles for final reclamation. Topsoil stockpiles are seeded and signed to protect them from erosion and further impacts. The Quarry operation will step down in 10- foot lifts for safety and to maintain a level working area. The operator has obtained an air quality permit to operate the crusher. Fuel is stored in an above-ground storage tank with secondary containment to control any potential spills.

**After Operations:**

All facilities and structures will be removed and all disturbed areas except the access road (12-foot wide) will be reclaimed. Areas that have been compacted will be ripped. All areas except the highwall will be graded to less than 2.5h:1v slope. Fine material will be placed on the quarry floor and dumps as needed to provide for a minimum 18-inch depth for rooting (including topsoil

replacement). Topsoil will be respread over the entire site and will be amended with 5-10 tons per acre of composted manure. The area will then be seeded with an approved seed mix designed to meet the proposed post mining land uses of grazing and wildlife habitat. The Division has approved variances for not replacing topsoil or seeding the final highwall areas (approximately 2.5 acres) and to leave a 12-foot wide access road into the property. The operator has requested an additional 10.5 acres remain for future commercial uses. However, until Summit County approves of these uses, the operator will plan to reclaim the entire site (except the areas that have received variances).

The person representing the company is Mr. Lon Thomas; Phone (801) 262-4300. Star Stone Quarries, Inc., is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 12th day of May, 2000

STATE OF UTAH  
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING



Lowell P. Braxton  
Director

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Tentative Approval for Star Stone Quarries, Peoa Blonde project to be sent via facsimile, electronic mail, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, the 12th day of May, 2000 to:

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